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He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find the flaw when he may have forgotten its cause.—Beecher.

WALTER G. SMITH

Walter Gifford Smith, former editor of the Advertiser and the last editor of the Hawaiian Star, died last night in San Mateo, Cal. His death removes one whose energy, forcefulness and trenchant personality kept him throughout a long journalistic life in the midst of notable events and among notable men. A brilliant writer, a speaker of natural eloquence, in any community he was bound to be heard and to make his presence felt. Hawaii retains the impress of his editorial achievements. "Walter G." as he was informally termed, fought with tongue and pen for his beliefs and fought with absolute fearlessness and with distinct results.

His last work in Hawaii was as editor of the Hawaiian Star, which position he resigned shortly before the Star was combined with the Bulletin on July 1, 1912. He left Hawaii then for the mainland lecture platform, to which he was no stranger, for from early manhood he had been a fluent and striking public speaker.

It is less than praise to say that in his death the newspaper field loses a valuable member. Though he had left this territory and Hawaii had heard only occasionally of him since his departure two years ago, Walter G. Smith's work here has remained to speak for itself in many evidences of an increasing public spirit and recognition of what constitutes good government in an American community.

TOPICS THAT HIT HOME

The Ad Club is asked to speak for Hawaii at the Civic Convention. President Farrington has suggested that the subject be assigned under three heads:

FAITH—

Faith in our islands.
Faith in our men.
Faith in the tourists.
Faith with no end—and lots of work.

HOPE—

Hope for the future.
Hope backed by brains.
Hope born of courage.
Hope with high aims.

CHARITY—

Charity begins at home.
With charity toward all, we should buy from the people who do business in our own town—Buy at home and thus cut out the occasion for contributions for those who don't want to work—and also those who make their all here, and try to spend it all abroad.

THE NINE QUESTIONS UNANSWERED

It seems unaccountably strange that the "nine questions" propounded by John W. Wadman in the editorial columns of this paper August 12 have brought forth no reply either from the police department or the grand jury. In the interests of public welfare as well as civic morality an official investigation is demanded as soon as possible and if the proper authorities as above indicated fail to move in the matter an appeal should be made to the Civil Service Commission for immediate action.

The probe should include a thorough investigation as to the relation of the Chilton-Fisher escapade to the Waikiki Inn on the day when the Board of License Commissioners met for the purpose of considering the Inn's application for special privileges. Doctor Wadman has affirmed that there are witnesses at hand ready to state on oath that Police Officer Chilton received \$20 to "make himself scarce" on the day named, in case he should be called for damaging evidence against the Inn.

It should also be known who paid for the automobile, the box of beer and sandwiches and the dinner at Haleiwa. Why did the whole party change its mind upon learning at Kaneohe that the board had adjourned for a night session, and instead of returning to the city as planned why did it proceed to take a joy-ride around the island, arriving in the city after midnight?

Are police officers paid by the public for such recreations and excursions?

It should be known also who it was that made the complaint that the Young hotel was serving

doves out of season. Was it the deputy sheriff on the windward side of the island and did he receive any share of the original \$50 which the whole transaction cost some one? In view of the fact that the Waikiki Inn is still in the limelight and the Board of License Commissioners is called to meet today in order to proceed, it is reported, with some unfinished business regarding the Inn, in the interests of public morality an immediate investigation is proper. Will not the Commission act?

ARE YOU SATISFIED?

This resolution, passed by the American Protective Sugar League, refers to national affairs but it is particularly apropos in Honolulu politics at this time:

RESOLVED, That it is in the power and certainly within the rights of American business men to exert a potential influence in American politics. Business has rights which politicians are bound to respect. To the end that these rights shall be respected, The American Protective Tariff League recommends and urges a larger participation in political affairs by business men. It is important that they shall exert increased influence in public affairs. More business men in politics are needed for the congressional, state and presidential campaigns of 1914 and 1916, if the public business is to be conducted with intelligent and sane regard for the business needs and the prosperity of the country.

If the public business is to be conducted with any sane and intelligent regard for the business needs and prosperity of Honolulu for the next two years there has to be a sudden awakening on the part of the businessmen of Honolulu. One glance at the general line-up of candidates for county office is enough to show that Honolulu can expect no improvement in government over the past few years and in all probability there will be retrogression. There are a few good candidates—and a raft of mighty poor ones.

There seems to be some difference of opinion between the police, the city attorney's department and district magistrate of Honolulu regarding the reasonableness of the police rule recently enforced that compels autoists to take the right-hand side of Kalakaua avenue going out toward the beach. The police are attempting to enforce the order but the city attorney's department, said Judge Monsarrat yesterday, thinks part of the right-hand road is so rough autoists should not be compelled to take it and the result is there was no prosecution of one who took the smoother road to the left. It is a unique situation when the city attorney's department declines to prosecute for violation of a police order. What is the driver of a machine to do when the authorities disagree? Is he to run his chances of arrest or keep to the rough and very uncomfortable road that the police assign to him? Here is an opportunity for the new Automobile Club to do some useful work.

Lord Kitchener is doing his best to squelch the ubiquitous war-correspondent. The upshot of all this news suppression in Europe is going to be that no accurate and vivid history of the greatest war of modern times will ever be written. The war story will be told not by eye-witnesses but by men who rewrite their articles from the dispatches of the combatants themselves. Incidentally, under these circumstances history is going to overlook a whole shoal of war-lords who otherwise might go down to fame as heroes.

More than 7,500,000 persons climbed the Alps by funicular railways last year according to statistics just published. There are now 48 of these mountain railways, and the authorities have before them demands for seven more. If this continues every Alp will have its funicular in the future. In this there is a suggestion for promotion work in Hawaii.

The vote at the recent Kansas state-wide primaries was light because the farmers were busy with their crops. Did anyone ever hear of business interfering with politics in Hawaii?

It's fairly easy to follow these war names so long as the combatants stay around Belgium, but if the tide of battle ever shifts to Russia—!

The Hague Peace Palace is quite likely to be taken over for a hospital. Such is the "war for the right!"

One of the Progressive candidates for supervisor is a minister, thus adding some weight to the Bull Moosers' claim that they are battling for the Lord.

Huerta's notes have been repudiated. The old gentleman seems to have mixed Mexican finances considerably.

Letters OF TIMELY TOPICS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

THE CZAR'S MASTER MOVE.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin: Sir.—The news that the emperor of Russia promises the Poles political autonomy in case they be quiet and loyal during the gigantic contest now going on in Europe, and the Jews complete civil and religious liberty, is one of the master strokes of statesmanship. It is equal in importance to the emancipation of the serfs and of more far-reaching importance than the establishment of the decuma.

Such a move would place Russia in sympathy with and abreast of the most modern and enlightened states.

It would automatically remove the irritation between the United States and herself, now subsisting regarding naturalized American Jews. It would have a tendency to give Russia peace at home and respect abroad.

The query naturally suggests itself whether this move arose with the czar or is there some wise unseen diplomatic hand among those of the Entente at his court, suggesting something of the kind.

In his profound work, "The Jews: A Study of the Race and Environment," Mr. Maurice Firshberg, the highest and most recent authority on the subject, places the number of

Jews in Russia, according to the census of 1897, at 5,110,548. Of this number in the whole of Russia, 3,578,221 lived within the "pale of settlement," consisting of 17 provinces in the west of European Russia where the Jews are permitted to live; 1,321,100 in Poland, and 262,000 in the west of European Russia.

The Jewish population of Russia is only four per cent of the population. Yet within the "pale" it is ten per cent. In some districts within the "pale" the population is as condensed as that of Belgium, and as the Jews are forbidden to engage in certain vocations, struggle as they may, it is impossible for them to make a living. It is from these congested districts that most Jewish immigrants come to America.

There is no Jewish "problem" in Russia except an artificial one; and with complete civil liberty and religious toleration the industrious and able Jews will constitute a needed leaven in the virile but stolid Slavic population in the vast domains of the "autocrat of all the Russias."

OBSERVER.

THE SUBJECT IS CLOSED.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. The Advertiser having admitted that it is knocking Jack Deana, and defending itself by admitting that its own characterization of a knocker as "the meanest creature that crawls," is "foggy-witted diction" and "fish-wife vituperation," there remains nothing more to be said. Thanking you for the opportunity to say a good word for a worthy young man, I am, Yours sincerely, DAVID L. WITHINGTON.

Personal Mention

C. H. BROWN, manager of the Honolulu Scrap Iron Co., is 57 years old today.

PHILLIP KELLERMAN, who has been making a five-months' stay in Honolulu, left on the Wilhelmina for Denver, Colorado.

CHARLES R. FORBES, superintendent of the public works department, and Land Commissioner Joshua Tucker expect to visit Hawaii the first week in September, making at that time a fairly thorough circuit of the Big Island and inspecting land and the various improvement affairs pending in that county.

MAUI AGAIN TO TRY TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR IMPROVEMENT WORK

Although the voters of Maui defeated a county bond issue proposition for local improvement work only a few weeks ago, another plebiscite has been authorized for the same purpose by the supervisors of that county. The proclamation, a copy of which reached Governor Pinkham today, authorizes the plebiscite to be held with the regular election on November 3, and asks that the voters approve a flotation of bonds to the amount of \$85,000.

This is less than the amount asked for at the previous plebiscite, and one or two items which the board believes the voters did not approve at that time have been eliminated in the new proposition. The items for which the money would be borrowed are enumerated as follows: Improvement of the Makawao water-works, \$40,000. Improvement of the Wailuku water-works, \$10,000. Construction of bridges in the Hana district, \$20. Belt road (5 miles long) for the Kihel homesteads, \$10,000. Completion of the belt road from Kaiue to Kahakuloa, \$5,000.

RAIN FAILS TO DRIVE CROWD AWAY FROM MOVING PICTURE SHOW

Joel C. Cohen, Republican candidate for mayor, addressed an audience of 700 men, women and children last night at Kaliahwaena park, the meeting being one in the regular schedule of his whirlwind campaign before the primaries. Despite a slight rain, the crowd remained to see the moving pictures, hear the Hawaiian glee sextet and hear Cohen and other candidates speak. Cohen spoke for only a few minutes and briefly pointed out how Honolulu city and county would benefit in every way by the application of business methods to the administration of the local government. He

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—H. P. WOOD (by wireless): Everything is well aboard the Manoa. We are having a splendid trip.

—MAYOR FERN: Ain't that Democratic county platform a good one? It ought to be, because I helped make it.

—JOHN H. WISE: Delegate Kuhio is getting big crowds on Hawaii. He is at Honokaa this afternoon.

—JACK LUCAS: My voice is giving me some trouble but I'm going to be elected anyway.

—E. A. SOUTHWORTH: I left Hilo expecting to return to California to make my home, but am now having to get located in Honolulu instead.

—DAVID K. SHERWOOD: Things are sort of slow in the marshal's office. Still, we have our little office work to do. Smiddy's appointment? Oh, I've got nothing to say.

—CHARLES HUSTACE, Jr.: The work the board of supervisors did in 1907 and 1908 stands today as proof that I am not giving any hot air when I promise a business administration if elected mayor.

—A. J. LOWREY: I doubt if any tennis team ever had a better time or was more hospitably treated than the Oahu team that went to Maui last week. It was a banner event.

—J. D. LEVENSON: All ready for the Ad Club night at the Bijou this evening. The Ad Club moving picture at the Schofield County Fair will be thrown on the screen between acts. Every Ad Club member should dress in white. Wear hat band and badge.

—HEINRICH HAGENS (salesman for Hackfeld & Company's Hilo branch): We've had so much rain on the Big Island I've come over here to get a good look at the sun. No, I'm not returning to Mexico yet, and haven't been called back to Germany, either.

—H. K. CASTLE: One serious objection to the use of the Kapiolani park field for polo this year is that there is no stabling and it would be necessary to bring the ponies all the way from Moanalua through the traffic of the city for every game.

In accordance with the authority extended by the board of supervisors a week ago, City Clerk Kilauekalani is advertising for tenders for the construction of buildings at the following schools: Ewa, three; Waipahu, three; Aiea, three; Wai'alua, four; Wahiawa, one; Manoa, two and Kamoiliili, four buildings.

was loudly applauded when he announced that among things he would work for would be a weekly pay day for city employees to remove them from the clutches of the loan sharks. Tonight Cohen will hold a meeting at Punchbowl.

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"TIRED TOURIST" HARD HIT TO FIND EXCITEMENT HERE

The "Tired Tourist" had on an awful grouch yesterday afternoon. Clad in immaculate white flannel Norfolk with buckskin shoes, neatly-tied stock and straw hat to match, he wandered around Pawa Junction, twirled his silver-headed cane, and complained. "There is nothing to see in this town," he remarked to the attractive brunette at his side.

A short distance away, 12 minutes by the street car, the waves caressed the sands of Waikiki beach, one of the most famous in the world. A little further on a most remarkable collection of curious and highly-colored fish displayed in tanks placed there for a purpose. Beyond this stood old Diamond Head, coloring beautifully in the afternoon sunlight. To mauka lay the valleys of Manoa nad Pauoa, and—

Yet, there was "nothing to see in this town."

"There is nothing here that a white man can do," grumbled the "Tired Tourist."

"So?" queried the lady. The "Tired Tourist" turned for a moment to gaze at a Kalmuk-bound car which had pulled up at the junction, filled to capacity with Americans, young and old, going home after their day's work.

"Why, I can go to New York City and make two dollars by working only four hours in the morning," chortled the "T. T."

"Then why don't you do it?" asked the bit of femininity.

"I'm going to," was the answer. Then: "My, but these cars are slow."

Just then a Waikiki-bound car rolled down the track and pulled up at the junction.

"Doesn't this climate make one dry?" remarked the "Tired Tourist," as he clambered aboard the conveyance. A health inspector, sitting in the next seat, made a mental note that a public drinking fountain was needed at the junction.

The "Tired Tourist" settled back in his seat, removed his straw hat and allowed the cool ocean breeze to sweep through his hair.

"This wind is so strong that one has to take off one's hat to prevent its being blown away," he murmured.

Yes, the "Tired Tourist" had on an awful grouch yesterday afternoon.

A gang of swindlers in Bridgeport, Conn. has been arrested for selling tickets good for passage from the United States to Hungary via the "Air Line." The gang had taken in considerable coin on the sale of airship tickets.

Thomas Dawson of London was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for swindling Dr. W. L. Gray, an American, out of \$1,000 by pretending that a \$1,000,000 legacy awaited him.

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is the best time to consider your will. Consult us. Don't leave your estate subject to the laws of descent. Your desires may be different. Now is the time to look forward and settle the matter. Guard against delays, loss, expense, publicity and legal complications.

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